

87TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 8031

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 10, 1961

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A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That section 303 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47
4 U.S.C. 303) is amended by inserting at the end thereof the
5 following:

6 “(s) Have authority, whenever the objectives of this
7 Act so require, to prescribe minimum performance capabili-
8 ties for apparatus designed to receive television pictures
9 broadcast simultaneously with sound, when such apparatus
10 is traded or shipped in interstate commerce, or is imported

1 from any foreign country into the United States, for sale or
2 resale to the public.”

3 SEC. 2. Part 1 of title III of the Communications Act of
4 1934 is amended by inserting at the end thereof a new sec-
5 tion as follows:

6 “TRADING IN APPARATUS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 303(s)

7 “SEC. 330. No person shall trade or ship in interstate
8 commerce, or import from any foreign country into the
9 United States, for sale or resale to the public, apparatus de-
10 scribed in paragraph (s) of section 303 unless it complies
11 with minimum performance capabilities prescribed by the
12 Commission pursuant to that paragraph: *Provided*, That this
13 section shall not apply to carriers transporting such apparatus
14 without trading in it.”

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[Report No. 1559]

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10 ~~is traded or shipped in interstate commerce, or is imported~~

1 from any foreign country into the United States, for sale or
2 resale to the public."

3 “(s) Have authority to require that apparatus designed
4 to receive television pictures broadcast simultaneously with
5 sound be capable of receiving all frequencies allocated by the
6 Commission to television broadcasting when such apparatus
7 is shipped in interstate commerce, or is imported from any
8 foreign country into the United States, for sale or resale to
9 the public.”

10 SEC. 2. Part 4 *I* of title III of the Communications Act of
11 1934 is amended by inserting at the end thereof a new sec-
12 tion as follows:

13 ~~"TRADING IN APPARATUS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 303(S)~~
14 ~~"PROHIBITION AGAINST SHIPMENT OF CERTAIN TELE-~~
15 ~~VISION RECEIVERS~~

16 "SEC. 330. (a) No person shall ~~trade or~~ ship in inter-
17 state commerce, or import from any foreign country into the
18 United States, for sale or resale to the public, apparatus de-
19 scribed in paragraph (s) of section 303 unless it complies
20 with ~~minimum performance capabilities~~ *rules* prescribed by
21 the Commission pursuant to *the authority granted by* that
22 paragraph: *Provided*, That this section shall not apply to
23 carriers transporting such apparatus without trading in it." *it.*

24 “(b) For the purposes of this section and section
25 303(s)—

1 “(1) The term ‘interstate commerce’ means (A)
2 *commerce between any State, the District of Columbia,*
3 *the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or any possession of*
4 *the United States and any place outside thereof which is*
5 *within the United States, (B) commerce between points*
6 *in the same State, the District of Columbia, the Common-*
7 *wealth of Puerto Rico, or possession of the United*
8 *States but through any place outside thereof, or (C) com-*
9 *merce wholly within the District of Columbia or any pos-*
10 *session of the United States.*

11 “(2) The term ‘United States’ means the several
12 *States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of*
13 *Puerto Rico, and the possessions of the United States,*
14 *but does not include the Canal Zone.”*

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